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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

## FOR THE YEAR

## 1960

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August, 1961.

To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors,
of the Borough of Lyme Regis.

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1960.

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I am deeply grateful for the courtesy and consideration extended to me by Members of the Council and for the co-operation of my colleagues on the Council staff, especially Mr. Kennaugh, for his great assistance in the preparation of this Report.

I am, your obedient servant,

Medical Officer of Health.

## PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health.....Adam Armit, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H..

Public Health Inspector and Surveyor.....I.D. Kennaugh, M.R.S.H.,

Clerk to the Medical Officer.....Miss B.E. Lawrence.

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## STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

| | |
|---|---|
| Area in acres. .. .. .. .. .. | 1,237 |
| Registrar General's estimate of population .. .. | 3,180 |
| No. of inhabited houses (according to the Rate Books as at end of 1960) .. | 1,425 |
| Rateable Value .. .. .. .. .. | £53,592 |
| Sum represented by a Penny Rate .. .. .. | £212 |

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## EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

* Area Comparability Factors. - Births 1.14 Deaths 0.76

| Live Births. | Total. | Male. | Female. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total registered. | 36 | 22 | 14 |
| Legitimate. | 35 | 22 | 13 |
| Illegitimate. | 1 | - | 1 |

Live Birth rate per 1,000 population - 11.32 Crude.
12.90 Corrected.

Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births 2.78

Still Births.

| | Total. | Male. | Female. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total registered. | Nil | Nil | Nil |

Still-birth rate per 1,000 live and still-births - Nil.

Total Live and Still-births.

| | Total. | Male. | Female. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total registered. | 36 | 22 | 14 |

Deaths.

| | Total. | Male. | Female. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total registered. | 41 | 17 | 24 |

Death rate per 1,000 population 12.89 Crude
9.80 Corrected.

Infant deaths under 1 year.

| | Total. | Male. | Female. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total registered. | Nil. | Nil. | Nil. |

Infant deaths under 4 weeks - Nil.

Infant deaths under 1 week - Nil.

Infant Mortality Rates.

| | |
|---|---|
| Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births | Nil. |
| Legitimate " " " " legitimate live births | Nil. |
| Illegitimate" " " " illegitimate live births | Nil. |
| Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births) | Nil. |
| Early Neo-natal " " ( " " 1 week " " " " " ) | Nil. |
| Perinatal " " (still-births & deaths under 1 wk. combined per 1,000 total live and still births) | Nil. |
| Maternal Mortality (including abortion) | |
| Number of deaths | Nil. |
| Rate per 1,000 total live and still-births | Nil. |

* Comparability Factor. This is worked out for each District by the Registrar General. Its object is to level out differences in the age and sex constitution of the populations of the various districts and its use enables us to obtain standardised birth and death rates which are more fairly comparable and more accurate than the crude rates.

## CAUSES OF DEATH AT ALL AGES.

### Registrar General's Official Return.

| | Males. 1-3 Qrts. | Males. 4 Qrt. | Females. 1-3 Qrts. | Females. 4 qrt. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Tuberculosis, respiratory. | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2. Tuberculosis, other. | - | - | - | - | - |
| 3. Syphilitic Disease. | - | - | - | - | - |
| 4. Diphtheria. | - | - | - | - | - |
| 5. Whooping Cough. | - | - | - | - | - |
| 6. Meningoococcal infections. | - | - | - | - | - |
| 7. Acute Poliomyelitis. | - | - | - | - | - |
| 8. Measles. | - | - | - | - | - |
| 9. Other infective & parasitic diseases. | - | - | - | - | - |
| 10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach. | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| 11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus. | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| 12. Malignant neoplasm, breast. | - | - | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus. | - | - | - | - | - |
| 14. Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms. | 2 | 3 | 1 | - | 6 |
| 15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia. | - | - | - | - | - |
| 16. Diabetes. | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| 17. Vascular lesions of nervous system. | 2 | - | 3 | 2 | 7 |
| 18. Coronary disease, angina. | 3 | 2 | 2 | • | 7 |
| 19. Hypertension with heart disease. | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| 20. Other heart disease. | - | - | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| 21. Other circulatory disease. | - | - | - | - | - |
| 22. Influenza. | - | - | - | - | - |
| 23. Pneumonia. | - | - | - | - | - |
| 24. Bronchitis. | - | - | - | - | - |
| 25. Other diseases of respiratory system. | - | - | - | - | - |
| 26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum. | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| 27. Gastritis, enteritis, and diarrhoea. | - | - | - | - | - |
| 28. Nephritis and nephrosis. | - | - | - | - | - |
| 29. Hyperplasia of prostate. | - | - | - | - | - |
| 30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion. | - | - | - | - | - |
| 31. Congenital malformations. | - | - | - | - | - |
| 32. Other defined & ill-defined diseases. | 1 | - | 3 | - | 4 |
| 33. Motor vehicle accidents. | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| 34. All other accidents. | - | - | - | - | - |
| 35. Suicide. | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| 36. Homicide and operations of war. | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 12 | 5 | 16 | 8 | 41 |

## OTHER VITAL STATISTICS.

| | 1938 | 1953 | 1954 | 1955 | 1956 | 1957 | 1958 | 1959 | 1960 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Population | 2715 | 2995 | 3030 | 3060 | 3060 | 3110 | 3130 | 3180 | 3180 |
| Rateable Value | £24976 | £28162 | £29200 | £29774 | £55130 | £50041 | £52439 | £52851 | £53592 |
| Estimated Produce of a Penny Rate | £96 | £109 | £113 | £114 | £220 | £200 | £202 | £206 | £212 |
| **BIRTHS.** | | | | | | | | | |
| Live Births | 29 | 33 | 35 | 26 | 43 | 41 | 50 | 33 | 36 |
| Legitimate | 29 | 32 | 32 | 24 | 43 | 40 | 49 | 32 | 35 |
| Illegitimate | - | 1 | 3 | 2 | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Still Births | 1 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | - | - | 2 | - |
| Live Birth Rate (crude) | 10.7 | 11 | 11.6 | 8.5 | 14.1 | 13.2 | 16 | 10.4 | 11.3 |
| Live Birth Rate (corrected) | | 11.9 | 13.3 | 9.8 | 16.2 | 15.0 | 18.2 | 11.8 | 12.9 |
| Live Birth Rate (Eng. & Wales) | 15.6 | 15.5 | 15.2 | 15.0 | 15.7 | 16.1 | 16.4 | 16.5 | 17.1 |
| Still Birth Rate (Eng. & Wales) | | | | | | | | 20.7 | 19.7 |
| **DEATHS.** | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Deaths | 37 | 32 | 42 | 49 | 30 | 33 | 40 | 58 | 41 |
| Death Rate (crude) | 9.5 | 10.7 | 13.9 | 16.1 | 9.8 | 10.6 | 12.8 | 18.2 | 12.9 |
| Death Rate (corrected) | | 7.6 | 9.8 | 11.4 | 7.6 | 8.2 | 9.8 | 13.9 | 9.8 |
| Death Rate (Eng. & Wales) | 11.6 | 11.4 | 11.3 | 11.7 | 11.7 | 11.5 | 11.7 | 11.6 | 11.5 |
| **INFANT MORTALITY.** | | | | | | | | | |
| Deaths under 1 year | 2 | 2 | - | 1 | 4 | - | - | 1 | - |
| Infantile Death Rate | 68.9 | 60.6 | - | 38.5 | 93.0 | - | - | 30.3 | - |
| Infantile Death Rate (Eng. & Wales) | 53 | 26.8 | 25.4 | 24.9 | 23.8 | 23.1 | 22.5 | 22.0 | 21.7 |
| Neonatal Death Rate (Eng. & Wales) | | | | | | | | 15.8 | 15.6 |
| **MATERNAL MORTALITY.** | | | | | | | | | |
| Maternal Deaths | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Maternal Mortality Rate | 33.33 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Maternal Mortality Rate (Eng. & Wales) | 2.97 | 0.76 | 0.69 | 0.64 | 0.56 | 0.47 | 0.43 | 0.38 | 0.39 |

### Number of Deaths and Death Rates from Tuberculosis and Cancer.
### Death Rates per million population.

| | Lyme Regis. | | | England & Wales. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Males. | Females. | Rate. | Males. | Rate. | Females. | Rate. |
| Respiratory Tuberculosis | - | - | - | 2,332 | 106 | 762 | 32 |
| Other Tuberculosis | - | - | - | 160 | 7 | 172 | 7 |
| Cancer of lung and bronchus | - | 1 | 314 | 18,876 | 855 | 3,116 | 132 |
| Other Cancer | 6 | 3 | 2,826 | 33,882 | 1,535 | 42,817 | 1,808 |

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

### Water Supplies.

There are two sources of supply to the Borough, namely, Rhode Barton and Pinhay. The former, owned by the Council, comes from shallow springs with a maximum yield of 48,000 g.p.d. while the latter, owned by the East Devon Water Board comes from deep springs with an average yield of 750,000 g.p.d.. Under agreement, a maximum of 50,000 g.p.d. is taken by the Council from the Board through break pressure tanks and valves, with an arrangement to increase this amount up to 150,000 gallons when required.

Certain areas of the district at high levels are supplied direct by the Board and this consumption is not recorded in the figures given below.

Both supplies are chlorinated, and at Rhode Barton, pumping and chlorination are automatic being electrically controlled.

On 1st. December, 1960 the Borough Water Undertaking was taken over by the East Devon Water Board, after a delay caused by the consideration and rejection of the Devon County Council Bill by Parliament.

The quarterly consumption from both sources from 1/1/60 to 1/12/60 was as follows :-

| | E.D.W.B. | Rhode Barton. |
|---|---|---|
| 1st. Quarter. | 7,523,000 | 5,524,000 |
| 2nd. " | 8,758,000 | 3,707,000 |
| 3rd. " | 11,258,000 | 3,833,000 |
| 4th. " (to 1/12/60) | 5,498,000 | 2,992,000 |
| | 33,037,000 | 16,056,000 |
| Estimates for Dec.60. | 878,580 | 1,101,000 |
| | 33,916,580 | 17,157,000 |

These figures show very little variation from those for 1959.

Four samples were taken for analyses and these were satisfactory.

| Hardness. | E.D.W.B. | Rhode Barton. |
|---|---|---|
| Total Hardness. | 13.0 degrees. | 2.8 degrees. |
| Temporary Hardness. | 10.9 " | 0.7 " |
| Permanent Hardness. | 2.1 " | 2.1 " |

Over 95% of the houses have water laid on and the remainder are supplied from outside taps.

| Rainfall. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May. | Jun. | Jly. | Aug. | Sep. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1954. | 1.36 | 3.28 | 3.94 | 0.39 | 1.34 | 2.58 | 3.00 | 3.77 | 3.61 | 3.39 | 6.92 | 3.17 |
| 1955. | 4.83 | 3.19 | 1.48 | 1.32 | 4.31 | 3.30 | 4.04 | 0.98 | 3.13 | 2.39 | 4.55 | 5.69 |
| 1956. | 4.48 | 0.10 | 0.92 | 0.92 | 1.19 | 2.49 | 2.14 | 6.58 | 3.13 | 2.18 | 1.03 | 5.55 |
| 1957. | 3.18 | 4.37 | 3.27 | 0.14 | 1.80 | 2.46 | 3.51 | 2.08 | 3.57 | 3.12 | 2.43 | 3.38 |
| 1958. | 3.71 | 4.02 | 2.09 | 0.86 | 3.26 | 2.74 | 2.66 | 3.60 | 5.13 | 5.73 | 3.26 | 6.29 |
| 1959. | 5.87 | 0.49 | 3.94 | 2.72 | 1.01 | 1.15 | 2.11 | 1.90 | 0.10 | 3.84 | 5.96 | 7.58 |
| 1960. | 4.07 | 4.17 | 2.49 | 2.15 | 2.17 | 1.46 | 3.84 | 5.61 | 6.60 | 10.60 | 5.07 | 3.99 |

Attention is directed to the heavy rainfall during the year. Whereas the total for 1959 was 36.67", and the average over the last six years, 36.20", the total for 1960 was 52.22". In October alone, 10.60" fell on the town.

### Byelaws (Water Act. 1945)

These byelaws were enforced in the Borough up to 1/12/60.

Drainage and Sewerage.

The developed areas of the Town are on the water borne carriage system, largely combined soil and surface, with the exception of the post war housing estate which is on the separate system, and all new properties, where practicable, are now being dealt with on the latter system. One small area, Ware Lane and one camping ground, are dealt with on septic tanks and filters. The Council's seasonal Monmouth Beach area has part water borne system and part Elsan, the latter being collected twice weekly.

Over two-thirds of the drainage of the Town is received and discharged into the sea below low water mark by the Eastern Outfall (18" cast iron sewer) across Broad Ledge, installed in 1900.

The Cobb area is dealt with by a 9" sewer discharging into a 12" cast iron sewer carried out beyond low water mark west of the Cobb.

The 9" portion of this sewer, glazed stoneware pipes, is situated in the movement area of Cobb Road and requires constant attention, despite the fact that several lengths have been renewed in steel tubing over recent years. A continuous colour test was applied from 31st. May to 27th. July, a period over 57 days, but daily inspections failed to reveal any leaks or seepage.

The sewer in Silver Street was regularly examined during public utility excavations and also colour tested with the result that one minor defect at a connection was found and made good.

Outfall.

In addition to the regular inspection and routine maintenance, two split collars were fixed on the Western outfall and one leak repaired on the Eastern outfall, apart from normal works of repair, more extensive works were carried out to sewers in Sherborne Lane, Talbot Road, and Pound Street. Regarding the latter the work here was due to fracture of a surcharged sewer in flood conditions and several pipes were renewed and a new manhole formed. Mention is made earlier of abnormal heavy rainfall in October but no serious flooding occurred although work in connection with foul and surface water drainage was increased.

Sewer Diversion.

The 6" sewer in Langmoor Gardens was diverted, two new manholes constructed and connected into the main sewer in Pound Street which involved laying 43 yards of new sewer.

At the beginning of the year, the Memorandum of the Medical Research Council on Sewage Contamination of Bathing Beaches in England and Wales was brought to the notice of the Council.

In August a meeting called by Bridport Borough, at which representatives from all the West Dorset Local Authorities were present, was held to hear a discussion of modern methods of sewage disposal especially from the coastal areas of Local Authorities, and in particular, the construction of a long submarine outfall, probably one to two miles in length, As a result of this meeting the Bridport Town Council agreed that a preliminary Hydrographic Survey at West Bay be undertaken at a cost of between £2,000 and £2,500 as a necessary preliminary to that Council's consideration of a long submarine outfall.

A sub-committee of this Council's Public Health Committee was formed to investigate the question of float tests and other measures to be taken in connection with sewage disposal.

Public Lavatories.

Accommodation is provided for both sexes in five blocks at the Square, Marine Parade, Cobb Harbour, Monmouth Beach, one small block for men at the Victoria Pier, and also a separate block at the Monmouth Beach for the use of the Sandboy huts and caravans.

Parts of the Ladies' accommodation at the Square, the Ladies' and Gents' at the Monmouth Beach, and the Sandboy huts, are closed during the winter.

Public Cleansing.

A weekly collection is made of household and trade refuse by one lorry, and in the summer, additional collections are made in the business areas of the Town as required. The refuse is disposed of at a tip on the cliffs east of the Town. All main streets are swept daily. Gullies are cleared on the Borough roads by the Council and on classified roads by the County Council. Litter baskets are provided in parts of the Town and Beaches.

During the year the question of providing a new vehicle was considered and various manufacturers were approached.

Sanitary Inspections of the Area.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sewers | - | inspections | 153. | Sewers repaired | 5. |
| " | - | outfall inspections | 34. | Advice re. drains, sewers, etc. | 19. |
| " | - | blockages cleared | 37. | | |
| " | - | colour tests | 85. | | |
| " | - | water tests | 2. | | |
| " | - | connections made | 25. | | |
| Drains (foul) | | water tests | 47. | Drains repaired | 5. |
| " | | colour tests | 33. | Septic tanks cleansed | 1. |
| " | | inspections | 82. | | |
| " | | blockages cleared | 27. | | |
| Drains (surface water) | | inspections | 159. | Surface water drains repaired | 11. |
| | | blockages cleared | 69. | | |
| Inspections | | houses | 55. | | |
| | | food premises | 43. | | |
| | | factories | 40. | | |
| | | building | 289. | | |
| | | other | 762. | | |
| Informal Notices | | | 5. | Complied with | 5. |
| Statutory Notices | | | 1. | Complied with | 1. |
| Committees attended | | | 169. | | |
| Interviews granted | | | 535. | | |

Eradication of Vermin.

One house was dealt with.

Petroleum Spririt.
Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928.
Petroleum (Regulation) Acts, 1928 and 1936.

No. of licences granted..... 4. No. of inspections..... 7.
Total petrol storage licensed..... 13,000 gall

Smoke Abatement.

No action was taken under this heading.

Swimming and Bathing Pools.

There is no indoor swimming bath. Bathing takes place in the sea during the season from all beaches, and dressing accommodation is available from huts and tents on the main beach.

Rodent Control.

No full-time Rodent Operator is employed. One of the Council's workmen who has attended training courses, deals with the Council's drains, sewers, refuse tip and premises, and also private premises on receipt of complaints.

No. of properties inspected..... 207.
No. of properties treated..... 35.
Infestations found; Rats (Minor)..... 21.
Infestations found; Mice (Minor)..... 14.

Fouling of Footways by Dogs.

No action was taken under the Byelaw.

Camping Sites.

There is one camping site of 7½ acres, situated on the hill to the north of the Town with 165 caravan sites licensed for summer use only, and winter storage for 150 caravans. It is very well maintained, and equipped with water points, drainage points, washing facilities with hot and cold water in well constructed premises and efficient water borne lavatory accommodation.

On the Monmouth Beach, owned by the Council, there exists a collection of day huts, caravans and chalets for summer use only. Water is supplied by standpipes at various points. On the same beach, the Council own and let 28 residential chalets for seasonal letting. These are laid on concrete foundations with asphalt paths in three terraces around walled-in lawns. Each chalet has an independent water supply, electric lighting and cooking, food cupboard, trapped sink, and drainage connected to public sewer system. Lavatory accommodation, water borne, is provided at the rear in a separate block of buildings and drains to the public sewer. Additionally, there are the 19 new and 3 older privately owned chalets on the former allotments site, each having mains water, water closet and drainage to sewer. The rest of the site is dealt with by Elsan closets collected twice weekly by the Council.

The Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act came into force 29th. August, 1960.

Schools.

These are regularly inspected; all have piped water, water closets and washing facilities. All are supplied daily with T.T. milk.

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Meat Inspection.

There is no slaughterhouse in the area. Most of the meat is obtained from the slaughterhouse in Bridport Borough, and the Council pay part of the cost of meat inspection at this slaughterhouse. The premises are owned by the Bridport Borough Council and leased from them to the Bridport and District Master Butchers' Slaughtering Company Ltd. As the site was required for housing development the Company were given notice to quit. They appealed against this and in June, the County Court Judge dismissed the appeal and the Company vacated the premises on 31/12/60.

Slaughterhouse Report.

The Slaughterhouse Regulations as required by the Slaughterhouse Act, 1958 were considered in July by a joint meeting of representatives of the Bridport Borough Council, Bridport Rural District Council, Lyme Regis Borough Council, Chartered Auctioneers Institute, The Bridport and District Master Butchers' Association and the owner of the private slaughterhouse situated in the Bridport Rural District.

In September, an invitation to all interested parties was given to meet a Public Health sub-committee of this Council to discuss the Slaughterhouse Report. No representative of the trade attended the meeting. The Council made their report and included in it :-

(a) that the existing slaughterhouse facilities in the neighbourhood were satisfactory as to capacity, but as the one existing slaughterhouse was under private control, it was desirable that alternative facilities should be made available by someone, other than a Local Authority, for those traders or other persons who wished to slaughter their own animals.

(b) That there was insufficient demand in this neighbourhood to warrant the provision of a public abattoir by a Local Authority out of public moneys.

Milk Supply.

No. of persons registered as distributors..... 4.
No. of premises registered as a dairy not being a dairy farm..... 2.
No. of Dairies inspected..... 2. No. of inspections..... 5.
No. of dealers' licences authorising the use of special designation :-
"Tuberculin Tested"..... 2.
"Pasteurised"..... 4.
No. of Notices served..... Nil.

Milk from two farms outside the district and from two milk factories, is retailed in the Borough. Milk is still being retailed from hand-cans. There is no Pasteurising Plant in the area.

Under the Milk Special Designation Regulations, 1960 the responsibility of the issuing of licences will be transferred to the Dorset County Council as from 31/12/60.

Milk Sampling.

The following are particulars of the 44 samples of milk taken in the district for analyses by the Dorset County Council on behalf of the Borough Council.

| Result. | Heat Treated. | T.T. | Non-Designated. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Passed. | 19 | 10 | 11 | 40 |
| Failed. | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 |

The Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949

It was not necessary to invoke these Regulations during the year.

Ice Cream.

No. of premises on the register for the :-
(a) Manufacture of Ice Cream.....Nil.
(b) Storage and sale of Ice Cream..... 27.
No. of Ice Cream premises inspected..... 27.
No. of inspections..... 33.
No. of Notices served.....Nil.

No samples were taken for analyses.

Condemnation of Food.

During the year the following foodstuffs were condemned as unfit for human consumption.

| | Cwt. | qr. | lbs. | ozs. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tinned meat. | | 1 | 10 | 11 |
| " fruit. | | 3 | 21 | 0 |
| " vegetables. | | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| " fish. | | | 2 | 3 |
| " jam. | | | 4 | 0 |
| Fresh meat. | | 3 | 14 | 0 |
| Total. | 2 | 1 | 24 | 1 |

Number of condemnation notes issued..... 52.
Number of visits to Food Premises..... 43.

Food Hygiene Regulations.

Taken on the whole the standard of Food Hygiene is good. Where contravention of the Regulations has been found, this was pointed out and was remedied, the owner being co-operative in every case.

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## HOUSING.

No new houses were constructed by the Council, but 27 were built by Private Enterprise.

There were 41 applicants on the housing list at the end of the year.

### Inspection of Dwelling Houses.

No. inspected for housing defects..... 55. No. of inspections..... 79.
No. found to be in such a state as to be prejudicial to health or dangerous and unfit for human habitation..... 2.
No. of Informal Notices served..... 9. Complied with..... 9.
No. of Statutory Notices served.....Nil.
No. of houses demolished following Demolition Orders..... 2.
No. of new houses in course of construction :-
(a) By Local Authority..... Nil.
(b) By Private Enterprise..... 6.

### Improvement Grants.

(a) Discretionary Grants. - Works were completed at premises outstanding from the previous year, and one further application was received and approved. The works were completed during the year and grant of £290 paid.

(b) Standard Grants. - Works approved in 1959 in respect of provision of four units of accommodation were completed, and three new applications during 1960 were granted, two of these were at single dwellings and the third for conversion of a large house to five units. At one dwelling the works were completed and a grant of £97 paid.

### Clearance Area.

The Council in December, declared numbers 14 - 19 Silver Street, to be a Clearance Area, under the Housing Act, 1957, Section 42. Five of the houses were unoccupied and arrangements were made to re-house the occupants of the remaining house.

### Closing Orders.

In three cases "Time and Place" notices were issued for consideration of making Closing Orders on three houses one of which was occupied as two tenements. Undertakings were accepted in all cases; two of the houses have undergone extensive repairs and overhaul and at the third, the entire house is now occupied by one person only.

### Certificates of Disrepair.

Applications made.....Nil. Certificates issued.....Nil.

### Post War Houses.

Completed by (a) L.A. 205 (b) Ministry (Prefabs) 10..... 215.
(c) Private Enterprise (Houses 161 Flats 40*)..... 201.
No. of houses owned by Local Authority..... 359.

* 15 flats provided during the year were formed from four existing large dwellings and one disused mill. Although there was a gain of 15 flats there was also a loss of the 4 original dwellings making a true gain of 11 units of accommodation.

## PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The year was a light one as far as Notifiable Infectious Diseases was concerned, only 15 cases being notified.

There were no cases of Food Poisoning.

Close co-operation was maintained with the Head Teachers and School Nurses regarding the control of Infectious Diseases in schools.

### Immunisation.

This is the responsibility of the Dorset County Council. When not performed by the child's own doctor, immunisation is given at the schools and Child Welfare Centre, and for older persons, immunisation against Poliomyelitis was given at special evening clinics.

The following table shows the number who were immunised.

| Disease. | Primary. | Booster. |
|---|---|---|
| Tuberculosis (B.C.G) | * 86 | - |
| Poliomyelitis. | 159 | 241 |
| Diphtheria. | 43 | 97 |
| Whooping Cough. | 43 | 44 |
| Tetanus. | 48 | 47 |
| Smallpox. | 37 | 8 |

* This figure includes children aged 13 years from Bridport, Beaminster and Axminster Rural Districts.

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.
### Section 47, Removal of Persons in need of Care and Attention. to suitable premises.

There were no cases during the year where it was necessary to proceed under the provisions of this Section of the Act.

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## INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1960

| DISEASES. | Total. | Under 1 year. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5-9 | 10-14 | 15-24 | 25-44 | 45-64 | 65 & over. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Measles..... | 8 | - | - | - | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Pneumonia..... | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Puerperal Pyrexia..... | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| Scarlet Fever..... | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Tuberculosis (Pulmonary)..... | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - |
| Totals | 15 | - | - | - | 1 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 |

## QUARTERLY NOTIFICATIONS.

| DISEASES. | Total. | 1st. Qrt. | 2nd. Qrt. | 3rd. Qrt. | 4th. Qrt. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Measles..... | 8 | 6 | - | 2 | - |
| Pneumonia..... | 1 | - | 1 | - | - |
| Puerperal Pyrexia..... | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Scarlet Fever..... | 4 | 4 | - | - | - |
| Tuberculosis (Pulmonary)..... | 1 | 1 | - | - | - |
| Totals. | 15 | 11 | 1 | 2 | 1 |

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED 1938, 1940, 1945 - 1960

| | 1938 | 1940 | 1945 | 1946 | 1947 | 1948 | 1949 | 1950 | 1951 | 1952 | 1953 | 1954 | 1955 | 1956 | 1957 | 1958 | 1959 | 1960 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Diphtheria | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Erysipelas | - | - | - | 2 | - | 2 | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | - | 1 | - | - |
| Scarlet Fever | 1 | - | 2 | 2 | - | - | - | - | 5 | 1 | - | - | 1 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| Enteric Fever | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Puerperal Pyrexia | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | - | 1 |
| Cerebro-Spinal Fever | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Acute Poliomyelitis | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Dysentery | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Pneumonia | - | - | 8 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 | 3 | 5 | - | 3 | - | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| Pulmonary Tuberculosis | 4 | - | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Measles | UK | 23 | 67 | 7 | 16 | 2 | - | 104 | 47 | 28 | 6 | - | 8 | 179 | 22 | 5 | 7 | 8 |
| Whooping Cough | UK | 51 | 2 | 4 | 27 | - | - | 15 | 2 | 47 | 19 | 1 | 22 | 8 | 7 | - | - | - |
| Totals. | 5 | 78 | 81 | 20 | 48 | 8 | 4 | 123 | 61 | 87 | 33 | 2 | 37 | 195 | 32 | 16 | 13 | 15 |

## TUBERCULOSIS.

| Age Periods. | New Cases notified during 1960. | | | | Deaths during 1960 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Pulmonary. | | Non-Pulmonary. | | Pulmonary. | | Non-Pulmonary. | |
| | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. |
| 0- 4. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 5-14. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 15-24. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 25-34. | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 35-44. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 45-54. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 55-64. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 65 & over. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total. | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |

### New Cases and Mortality. 1938 - 1960

| | New Cases. | | | | Deaths. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Pulmonary. | | Non-Pulmonary. | | Pulmonary. | | Non-Pulmonary. | |
| | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. |
| 1938. | 2 | 2 | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| 1939. | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| 1940. | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - |
| 1941. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1942. | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| 1943. | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1944. | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1945. | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1946. | 3 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1947. | 1 | 2 | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - |
| 1948. | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | - | - |
| 1949. | 1 | 2 | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - |
| 1950. | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1951. | 1 | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1952. | 2 | 4 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| 1953. | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| 1954. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1955. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1956. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1957. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1958. | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1959. | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| 1960. | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |

| | Pulmonary. | | Non-Pulmonary. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | M. | F. | M. | F. |
| Total cases on Register at end of 1959. | 5 | 3 | - | - |
| New cases notified during 1960. | - | 1 | - | - |
| Cases from other areas who have come to live in the District. | 2 | - | - | 1 |
| Removals from District into other areas. | - | 1 | - | - |
| Removed from Register as Non-Tubercular. | - | - | - | - |
| Removed from Register - Cured. | - | - | - | - |
| Deaths during 1960. | - | - | - | - |
| Total on Register at end of 1960. | 7 | 3 | - | 1 |

## FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959.

### Part 1 of the Act.

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

| Premises. (1) | Number on Register. (2) | Number of Inspections. (3) | Number of Written notices. (4) | Number of Occupiers prosecuted. (5) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (i) Factories in which Secs. 1,2,3,4,& 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities. | 25 | 12 | - | - |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority. | 3 | 2 | - | - |
| (iii) Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority(excluding out-workers' premises) | 27 | 26 | - | - |
| Total. | 55 | 40 | - | - |

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

| Particulars. (1) | Number of cases in which defects were found. Found. (2) | Remedied. (3) | Referred To H.M. Inspector. (4) | Referred By H.M. Inspector. (5) | Number of Cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Want of cleanliness. (S1.) | 2 | 2 | - | - | - |
| Overcrowding (S.2.) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Unreasonable Temperature (S.3.) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Inadequate Ventilation (S.4.) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) | | | | | |
| (a) Insufficient. | - | - | - | - | - |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective | 3 | 3 | - | 1 | - |
| (c) Not separate for sexes. | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total. | 5 | 5 | - | 1 | - |

### Part V111 of the Act.
### Outwork
### (Sections 110 and 111)

| Nature of Work. (1) | Section 110: No. of out-workers in August list reqd. by Section 110 (1) (c) (2) | Section 110: No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council. (3) | Section 110: No, of prosecutions for failure to supply lists. (4) | Section 111: No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5) | Section 111: Notices Served. (6) | Section 111: Prosecutions. (7) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wearing apparel. | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total. | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |

## LYME REGIS RIPARIAN LOCAL AUTHORITY.

### Section 1 - Staff.

TABLE A.

| Name of Officer. | Appointment. | Date of Appointment. | Qualifications and other appointments held. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Adam Armit | Medical Officer of Health. | 1937 | M.B.,Ch.B., D.P.H. M.O.H. Boroughs of Bridport & Lyme Regis & Rural Districts of Bridport & Beaminster. Assistant County M.O. Dorset C.C. |
| E. Prescott. | Public Health Inspector. | 1926 ( Retd 8/10/57 ) | Sanitary Inspector's Certificate, Regd. Archt. Sanitary Inspector & Surveyor Lyme Regis Borough. |
| I.D. Kennaugh. | Public Health Inspector | 20/9/57 | P.H.I. Cert. Inspector of Meat & other Foods Certificate Borough Surveyor. |

Address and Telephone Number of the Medical Officer of Health.

Office - Health Centre, North Allington, Bridport. - Bridport 3172

Home - "Braeside" Burton Road, Bridport. - Bridport 2566

### Section 11. - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year.

TABLE B.

| Ships from | Number | Tonnage | Number Inspected. By the M.O.H. | Number Inspected. By the P.H.I. | Number of ships reported as having had during the voyage infectious diseases on board. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Foreign Ports | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Coastwise | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Total | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |

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### Section 111 - Character of shipping and trade during the year.

TABLE C.

Passenger Traffic - Nil.
Cargo Traffic - Nil.

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### Section 1V - Inland Barge Traffic - Nil

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### Section V - Water Supply.

(1) Source of supply (a) for the district:

Lyme Regis Corporation supply from springs at Rhode Barton and Lyme Regis District Water Company's springs at Pinhay

(b) Shipping :

Main from Lyme Regis Supply.

(2) Reports of tests for contamination.

Samples are regularly examined at the Public Health Laboratory Dorchester. The water supply is chlorinated at the source.

(3) Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants & hosepipes.

The Harbour Master is responsible for the cleanliness of the standpipes at the Harbour.

(4) Number and sanitary condition of water boats, and powers of control by the Authority.

There are no water boats.

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Section V1 - Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1952.

(1) List of Infected Areas. (Regulation 6)

The Ministry of Health's weekly record of Quarantinable Diseases is received by the Medical Officer.

(2) Radio Messages.
(a) Arrangements for sending permission by radio for ships to enter the district. ( Regulation 13 ). - Nil.

(b) Arrangements for receiving messages by radio for ships and for acting thereon. ( Regulation 14 (1) (a) and (2) ). - Nil.

(3) Notifications otherwise than by radio. ( Regulation 14 (1) (b) ). - Nil.

(4) Mooring Stations. ( Regulations 22 to 30 ) .

This Port is not regularly used by shipping which might come within the definition of "infected ship" or "suspected ship". If circumstances arose, then ships would anchor in Lyme Bay.

(5) Arrangements for :-

(a) Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases - other than Smallpox.

These are admitted to the Westhaven Hospital, Radipole Lane, Weymouth.

(b) Surveillance and follow up of contacts :

Arrangements are made for this to be carried out in accordance with the Public Health(Ships) Regulations 1952.

(c) Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons, clothing, and other articles.

The Public Health Inspector has a supply of disinfectants and if necessary would carry out the treatment.

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Section V11 - Smallpox.

(1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which Smallpox cases are sent from the district.

Crabwood Smallpox Hospital, Nr. Winchester, Hants.

(2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that Hospital.

Dorset County Council Ambulance Service.

(3). Names of Smallpox Consultants available.

Dr. E.J. Gordon Wallace, Weymouth, Dr. A.F. Turner and Dr. C. Hollins, Dorchester.

(4) Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox.

Suspected Material is sent to - Virus Reference Laboratory,
Central Public Health Laboratory, Collindale, London, N.W. 9.
Tel No. - Collindale 6041.

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Section V111 - Venereal Diseases *

Patients can be seen at the V.D. Clinic, Portwey Hospital, Males Mondays 11 a.m. and Thursdays 5 p.m., Females Wednesdays 2 p.m., also at Dorset County Hospital, Males and Females, Thursdays 11 a.m. by appointment, and the V.D. Officer is always prepared to give special facilities to Merchant Seamen. In-patient accommodation is provided at the Westhaven Hospital, Radipole Lane, Weymouth. The Medical Officer of Health gives the appropriate information to persons concerned regarding treatment facilities.

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Section 1X - Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases on ships.

TABLE D.

| Category. | Disease. | Number of cases during the year. Passengers. | Crew. | Number of ships concerned. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cases landed from ships from foreign ports. | Nil. | Nil. | Nil. | Nil. |
| Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival. | Nil. | Nil. | Nil. | Nil. |
| Cases landed from other ships. | Nil. | Nil. | Nil. | Nil. |

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Section X - Observations on the occurrance of Malaria in ships - Nil.

Section X1 - Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague - Nil.

Section X11 - Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports.

(1) Routine inspection in ships from foreign ports would be made.

(2) Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents are made with the County Laboratory, Dorchester, No rats were sent during the year.

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TABLE E.

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

| Category. | Number. |
|---|---|
| Black Rats..... | Nil. |
| Brown Rats..... | Nil. |
| Species not known..... | Nil. |
| Sent for examination..... | Nil. |
| Infected with plague..... | Nil. |

TABLE F.

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

| No. of Deratting Certificates issued. | | | | | Number of Deratting Exemption Certs. issued. | Total Cert's issued. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| After fumigation with. | | | | | | |
| H.C.N. | Other fumigant (state method) | After Trapping. | After Poisoning. | Total. | | |
| 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. | 7. |
| Nil. | Nil. | Nil. | Nil. | Nil. | Nil. | Nil. |

x. State Poisons used and No. of Certs. issued after each poison.

Section X111 - Inspection of ships for nuisances.

TABLE G.

Inspections & Nuisances.

| Nature and number of Inspections. | | Notices Served. | | Result of Serving Notices. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Statutory Notices. | Other Notices. | |
| British | Nil. | Nil. | Nil. | Nil. |
| Foreign. | Nil. | Nil. | Nil. | Nil. |
| Total. | Nil. | Nil. | Nil. | Nil. |

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Section XIV - Public Health (Shell-Fish) Regulations 1934 and 1948

There are no shell-fish beds or layings within the jurisdiction of the Authority.

Section XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens.

The Port is not approved for the landing of aliens.

Section XVI - Miscellaneous.

Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship from infectious disease.

No difficulty would arise in arranging for such burials in local cemeteries.

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